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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/027,295  
Applicant(s) : Gretchen Louise Elder et al.  
Filed : December 20, 2001  
Title : Absorbent Article and Method For Maintaining or Improving Skin Health  
TC/A.U. : 3761  
Examiner : J.F. Stephens  
Conf. No. : 1812  
Docket No. : 6823D  
Customer No. : 27752

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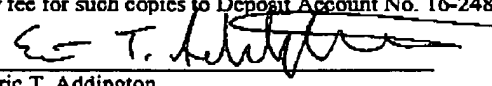
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